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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BOGOTA FROM SANTIAGO NOV 5
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SUBJ: BOGOTA MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS

1. ACTING DCM (ARZAC) WAS CALLED IN NOV 6 BY FONMIN POLITICAL
ADVISOR ENRIQUE BERNSTEIN TO DISCUSS SUBJECT MEETING. BERNSTEIN
SAID HE, TOGETHER WITH FONMIN ECONOMIC ADVISOR ORLANDO SAENZ
AND DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS CARLOS FRANZ,
DEPARTING NOV 7 FOR BOGOTA TO PARTICIPATE IN PREPARATORY COM-
MITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED COMMENCE NOV 8. PRESENT PLANS
ARE FOR FONMIN HUERTA TO TRAVEL IN TIME FOR MEETING OF PRINCI-
PALS COMMENCING NOV 14, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS CHIEF OF CABINET
TOMAS AMENABAR.

2. BERNSTEIN SAID CHILEANS STILL HAVE SOME HOPE THAT FOREIGN
MINISTERS WILL PUT OFF MEETING TO SOME LATER DATE. HE FOUND
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IT UNLIKELY THAT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE COULD COME TO SUFFICIENT

AGREEMENT TO PERMIT MEETING OF PRINCIPALS TO START ON TIME, AND HE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THAT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ITSELF MIGHT HAVE TO MEET AGAIN BEFORE A NEW DATE COULD BE AGREED. IN THIS CONNECTION, BERNSTEIN CITED BRAZILIAN AND ARGENTINE PARTICIPATION PROBLEMS AND IMPLIED THAT VASQUEZ CARRIZOSA HAD "RUN AWAY WITH THE BALL" FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS AT NEW YORK REGARDING DIALOGUE BETWEEN US AND LATIN AMERICA OVER THE FUTURE OF HEMISPHERE RELATIONS.

3. BERNSTEIN SAID HE HAD STUDIED WITH CARE AND INTEREST THE FULL TEXT PROVIDED TO HIM OF AMB JOVA'S STATEMENT ON RIO TREATY REFORM (STATE 212601). BERNSTEIN FOUND SPEECH EXCELLENT IN EVERY DETAIL AND SAID IT EXPRESSED WELL CURRENT GOC POSITION. HOWEVER, GOC IN FACT GOES FURTHER THAN JOVA INDICATED US DOES, SINCE GOC DOES NOT DESIRE TO CHANGE TREATY AT ALL. BERNSTEIN SAID HE HAD CHECKED THIS POSITION OUT WITH ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF. IF SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE, BERNSTEIN SAID GOC WOULD PREFER MODIFYING COLLECTIVE SECURITY PRINCIPLES STATED IN OAS CHARTER. BERNSTEIN ASKED THAT THESE REACTIONS BE CONVEYED TO JOVA IN CONTEXT THEIR RECENT CONVERSATION IN WASHINGTON, WHEN THEY AGREED IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO COMMUNICATE INFORMALLY.

4. IN GENERAL, BERNSTEIN CONTINUED, GOC DOES NOT FAVOR ATTEMPTING TO MODIFY OAS CHARTER, WHICH HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE A USEFUL INSTRUMENT THAT HAS WORKED WELL AND WHICH IN ANY CASE HAS BEEN MODIFIED ONLY RECENTLY. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST TO LEAVE THE CHARTER ALONE. BERNSTEIN INDICATED THAT SHOULD THE EMBASSY AT BOGOTA DESIRE AT ANY POINT DURING THE FORTHCOMING MEETING TO BE IN TOUCH WITH CHILEAN DELEGATION, ITS APPROACH WOULD BE WELCOME. EMBOFF DREW ON STATE 212801 IN RESPONDING TO CERTAIN OBSERVATIONS AND QUESTIONS OF BERNSTEIN'S.
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